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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4224

INFO AMCONSUL LUANDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CG

SUBJ: GOZ APPEALS TO TEXACO FOR CREDIT ASSISTANCE BRIDGE ALONG
BENGUELA RAILWAY IN ANGOLA REPORTEDLY BLOWN

1. PETRO-ZAIRE'S DELEGUE-GENERAL MPEYE CALLED IN
LOCAL TEXACO REP DOUDEMONT AUGUST 21 TO APPRISE HIM
OF DEVELOPING PETROLEUM CRISIS IN ZAIRE AND TO ASK
TEXACO'S ASSISTANCE IN TIDING THEM OVER PERIOD BY
SELLING ZAIRE SOME 40,000 TONS EACH OF GASOLINE AND
DIESEL ON UNCONFIRMED CREDIT.

2. SITUATION DESCRIBED AS CRITICAL IN SHABA WHERE,
BECAUSE BLOCKAGE OF BENGUELA RAILWAY SHIPMENTS BY
ANGOLAN CONFLICE AND ZAMBIAN CUTOFF OF PRODUCTS
FROM NDOLA, THERE ONLY THREE OR FOUR DAY STOCKS IN
PROVINCE.

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3. ADDITIONALLY, MPEYE TOLD HIM A RAILWAY BRIDGE

AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION IN ANGOLA HAD BEEN
BLOWN SO EVEN IF FIGHTING RELENTED, RAILWAY WOULD
STILL NOT BE USEABLE.

4. IN THIS SITUATION SMTF (AN INTERNATIONAL
MINING COMPANY WITH U.S. PARTICIPATION) HAS RE-
PORTEDLY MADE ITS OWN OUTSIDE ARRANGEMENTS TO
SHIP PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
DOUEMONT IS RELAYING REQUEST TO HIS HEADQUARTERS
BUT IS CERTAIN TEXACO WILL RESPOND NEGATIVELY.
DOUEMONT ALSO CONSULTING FNCB ON THIS PROBLEM
BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC ANY SOLUTION IF OFFING.

5. SUPPLIES OF POL IN KINSHASA WERE DESCRIBED
AS ADEQUATE FOR TIME BEING. THIS DUE, AT LEAST
IN PART, TO LOW WATER LEVEL IN RIVERS WHICH EX-
CLUDES SHIPMENTS TO SHABA BY THE RIVER-RAIL
ROUTE.
WALKER

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